



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON
DISABILITIES
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
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Wednesday, January 15, 2014

1:30 PM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-0388)

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Call to Order. (14-0289)

President Janet A. Neal called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Present: President Janet A. Neal, Vice President Winslow C. Reitnouer, 2nd Vice Chairperson John B. Troost, Treasurer Wendy Welt Narro, Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner Steve Miller, Commissioner Alexia Teran and Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

Absent: Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish and Commissioner Wan Chun Chang

Excused: Commissioner Michael Gureckas, Commissioner John R. James and Commissioner Kecia Brooke Weller

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of November 20, 2013. (Continued from the meeting of 12/18/13) (13-5671)

On motion of Treasurer Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by 1st Vice President Winslow C. Reitnouer, this item was approved.

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2. Recommendation to receive and file the Summary of Notes of December 18, 2013. (14-0290)

Genevieve Clavreul noted on her public comment portion of the summary of notes, the mode of transportation was on a METRO rail train not a METRO bus.

Without further discussion, on motion of Treasurer Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by Commissioner Alexia Teran, this item was received and filed by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - President Janet A. Neal, Vice President Winslow C. Reitnouer, Treasurer Wendy Welt Narro, Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner Steve Miller, Commissioner Alexia Teran and Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

Abstentions: 1 - 2nd Vice Chairperson John B. Troost

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish and Commissioner Wan Chun Chang

Excused: 3 - Commissioner Michael Gureckas, Commissioner John R. James and Commissioner Kecia Brooke Weller

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II. REPORTS

3. President's Report for January 2014. (14-0291)

President Janet A. Neal thanked Commissioners for attending to secure a quorum. She thanked those who contributed refreshments to the year-end meeting and provided an overview of the President's Report.

During discussion, Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro requested clarification if the cost of refreshments for the year-end meeting was approved at a prior meeting. Commissioner Sheila Wright suggested that the audio or transcript from previous meetings be reviewed to clarify approval of the cost. Commissioner Ed Colley inquired about the processes for the expenditures of funds and the regulations or rules that the Commission should follow regarding Commission funds.

Commissioners Alexia Teran and Steve Miller also commented on this item.

After further discussion, staff was instructed to review the audio or transcript from previous meetings and provide the Commission with a clarification of refreshment costs for the year-end meeting and fiscal guidelines allowed, at a future meeting.

Therefore, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

4. Monthly Report by Standing Committees:

Education

Events

Executive

Housing

Social Services

Transportation (14-0292)

The following verbal reports were submitted, with the exception of the Education, Social Services and Transportation Committees, which did not meet in December.

Events Committee

Chair Janet A. Neal and 1st Vice President Winslow C. Reitnouer expressed their concerns regarding the logistics and processes pertaining to the Access Awards Luncheon. As discussed with the Events Committee, Chair Neal noted the processes for events will be revisited in order to develop effective ways to enhance a successful event.

Executive Committee

Chair Janet A. Neal announced that the Committee will meet immediately following the regular meeting.

Housing Committee

Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro reported Got Kids? utilized Housing Urban Development (HUD) programs to acquire a large home for their charity work.

Following discussion, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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5. Report by 2nd Vice President John B. Troost on the December 2, 2013 Access Services Incorporated Board of Directors' meeting. (Continued from the meeting of 12/18/13) (13-5674)

An overview of the Access Services Inc., December Board Box was provided by 2nd Vice President John B. Troost. He added that the 2014 Access Rodeo will be held at the Pasadena Rose Bowl celebrating Access Service's 20th Anniversary.

Former Commissioner Hugh Hallenberg commented on a wheelchair maneuvering issue he had on an Access mini-van.

Following discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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6. Monthly Staff Report by Emma De Jesus. (14-0293)

Emma De Jesus, Commission Services staff, reported on the changes to the Los Angeles County mileage rates and submittal processes.

Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro requested staff provide her with a trust fund balance and place a Treasurer's Report on the next agenda. In addition, Commissioner Ed Colley requested staff provide a report on the organizational structure as it relates to Commission activities.

Following discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

7. Monthly Report by Louis Burns, Access Services Customer Support Administrator, Access Services Inc. (14-0295)

Louis Burns, Access Services Customer Support Administrator, Access Services Inc. shared a flyer of the 2014 Community Meetings. Commissioner Alexia Teran requested additional locations for future Community meetings. He also announced the 20th Access Services' Anniversary event to take place at the Pasadena Rose Bowl and shared updated information regarding the Tap Card.

Mr. Louis Burns responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Following discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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8. Monthly Report presented by Jess Segovia, ADA Manager, and Giovanna Gogreve, ADA Para-transit Program Administrator for Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. (14-0296)

Giovanna Gogreve, ADA Para-transit Program Administrator for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, provided updates on the following:

- 1) **There was an orientation and practice bus provided by METRO to acquaint mobility devices, fixed route, securing, boarding and exiting processes for passengers which relieved anxiety felt by passengers. There are additional sessions currently being held for METRO bus and train operators and passengers.**
- 2) **Rancho to rail shuttle was successful in reducing the number of pass-ups in the 150 to 345 trips.**
- 3) **In Rancho, a Willowbrook project was discontinued.**

Commissioner Steve Miller noted the Sunland Route 169 schedule was changed without prior notice. He requested that METRO investigate how notifications to public were made for this route and others, and report back to the Commission on how to assure all passengers are properly notified.

Commissioner Ed Colley commented on disabled signage on METRO

public transportation not being utilized or respected by riders. He added that programs with the State of California could lead a way to a solution for the enforcement problem.

Following discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

9. Commissioners' Announcements for January 2014. (14-0297)

President Janet A. Neal announced Dr. Raul Ramirez, past Commission on Disabilities Access Awards Luncheon Honoree, was featured in an article on the Vegan Health & Fitness. He acknowledged the Commission on Disabilities for their efforts to bring awareness about Eastern Medicine and nutritional information accessibility to all.

III. MISCELLANEOUS**Matters Not Posted**

10. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-0298)

The following items were introduced for discussion and placed on the agenda for consideration at a future meeting.

- 10A. Recommendation as submitted by Treasurer Wendy Welt Narro: Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2013-14. (14-0449)

On motion of Treasurer Wendy Welt Narro, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was introduced for discussion and placed on the agenda for February 19, 2014.

Public Comment

11. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-0299)

Kimberly Whyte addressed the Commission regarding the train doors closing and there being no assistance for disabled passengers to pull the levers and drop seats on METRO Lines.

Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission on METRO trains stopping abruptly and the need for Public Service Announcements on METRO lines.

Kenn Small addressed the Commission on education for METRO bus drivers.

Julie Gaona addressed the Commission regarding her willingness to work with the Commission on rider courtesy.

David Chiono addressed the Commission regarding Social Security information and the Affordable Care Act.

Emmanuel Martinez addressed the Commission regarding the METRO Bus No. 45 riders being noisy and fighting; and doctor unwillingness to give certification for disabled person's placard.

Gary Eitleberg and Linda Block also addressed the Commission

After discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

Adjournment

- 12. Adjournment of the January 15, 2014 meeting. (14-0300)**

On motion of Treasurer Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by 2nd Vice President John Troost, the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m. in memory of Carmen Zapata, an actress.